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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Office of Environmental Assessment
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Revision to the Lafourche Parish Attainment Status
State Implementation Plan (SIP)
(0005Pot1)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:1051 et seq. and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Secretary gives notice that a change in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) has been initiated. Lafourche Parish was originally designated as a nonattainment area for ozone in 1978. The LDEQ proposed a SIP to redesignate Lafourche Parish to ozone attainment on November 18, 1994. On August 18, 1995, EPA issued a direct final notice approving Louisiana's redesignation request (60 FR 43020), because it met the maintenance plan and redesignation requirements set forth in the Clean Air Act.

The ozone monitor in Lafourche Parish recorded a violation (a fourth exceedance of the ozone standard in three years) on August 27, 1995, during the 30-day comment period of EPA's approval action on the redesignation request. The EPA did not withdraw its approval of the redesignation action, and it took effect on October 18, 1995. The fourth exceedance was validated on January 10, 1996.

On January 5, 1998, EPA changed the designation of Lafourche Parish to ozone nonattainment and classified the parish as an incomplete data area. Lafourche Parish has had three years of monitored ozone data that again shows attainment of the one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), qualifying the parish for attainment status.

The public comment period begins May 20, 2000, and ends at 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on June 30, 2000. A public hearing will be held at 3 p.m. on June 21, 2000, at the Thibodaux Court House, Stark Municipal Complex, 1309 Canal Blvd., Thibodaux, LA 70302. A public hearing will also be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 26, 2000, on the Second Floor of the Trotter Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, LA.

Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed SIP. Written comments may also be submitted at the time of the public hearing or sent to Mrs. Stacy Efferson, Environmental Planning Division, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178. A copy of the SIP may be viewed at the Environmental Planning Division from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at 7290 Bluebonnet, Fifth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA.

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